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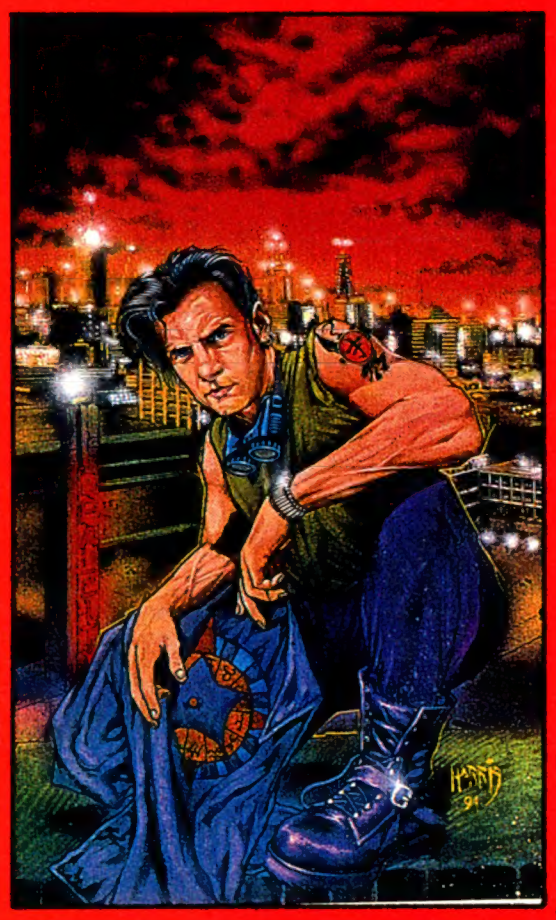

Cover of the Month
STARMAN #4

AZRAEL: THE ANGEL OF VENGEANCE RETURNS!

He is a creature of fire and retribution, of violence and bloodlust. He is the angel of justice, vengeance, and sometimes of death. But first and foremost, he is a tortured mortal man.

AZRAEL is back. The fallen angel of "KnightsEnd" returns in an ongoing series, back in his awesome original costume, forced by events he cannot control to resume the war he believed was over.

In the wake of "KnightsEnd," Jean Paul Valley—the man who was Batman—has regained his sanity...or has he? Now a broken young man in Gotham's grey slums, Valley is still haunted by his disgrace and by nightmarish visions of the true Batman. But his self-torment nearly blinds him to the real dangers that await him on the mean streets in which he lives. Soon, circumstances trigger his lifelong conditioning...forcing Azrael to the surface, even as mysterious forces begin swirling into motion with their own designs on the avenging angel. Among them: a certain Dark Knight with unfinished business.

AZRAEL is an ongoing New Format series, written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Barry Kitson and James Pascoe.

IT'S A COOL YULE WITH *THE BATMAN ADVENTURES HOLIDAY SPECIAL!*

December in Gotham City... that's the theme of THE BATMAN ADVENTURES HOLIDAY SPECIAL, a 64-page one-shot special featuring five thrilling, funny or touching yuletide stories by a slew of creators from *The Adventures of Batman & Robin*, the hit cartoon from Warner Bros. Animation.

Emmy award-winning writer/producer Paul Dini writes all five stories. Art for the lead feature, featuring Detective Harvey Bullock teaming with Batgirl in a tense battle against Clayface, is illustrated by director/producer Bruce Timm. Dini's collaborator on the Eisner and Harvey Award-winning THE BATMAN ADVENTURES: MAD LOVE. Also in the Special, artist Ronnie Del Carmen illustrates a tale of Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy in which the duo kidnaps millionaire Bruce Wayne so they can go on an exclusive shopping spree. A madcap New Year's Eve with the Joker is the subject of a story drawn by director Kevin Altieri, while elsewhere Batman and Commissioner Gordon take time out to share some New Year's cheer, with art by director Dan Riba. And the icing of Gotham City is just the beginning of a poignant Mr. Freeze story illustrated by artist Glen Murakami.

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BATMAN... THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA!

A bold new storyline... hot new artists... and a sleek new costume... these are only a few of the exciting reasons why now, more than ever, everyone should get in on the excitement of Batman. This month the Collector's editions of four ongoing Batman titles are cover-enhanced: BATMAN #515, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35, DETECTIVE COMICS #682, and ROBIN #14! Shipping at the same time are Standard Editions at the regular price.

Bruce Wayne is back as the new, true Dark Knight Detective of Gotham City, complete with a flamboyant new look and an intensified edge, leaving no doubt that this is a totally new beginning for one of comics' greatest heroes. In addition, two electrifying new art teams round out the creative powerhouse behind the ongoing Batman titles.

Following their incredible work in BATMAN: BLOODSTORM, writer Doug Moench is reunited with artists Kelley Jones and John Beatty on BATMAN as its new regular creative team, starting with issue #515. And in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35, writer Alan Grant is joined by artists Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy (ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN). The popular creative team of writer Chuck Dixon, and artists Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna continue their streak on DETECTIVE COMICS, while red-hot penciller Tom Grummett continues alongside Dixon and Jake Ray Kryssing on ROBIN.

The latest chapter of the Batman saga begins in the 4-part "The Troika," crossing over BATMAN #515, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35, DETECTIVE COMICS #682, and ROBIN #14. A rogue contingent of former KGB operatives has joined forces to take control of Gotham's underworld. Batman and Robin must contend with the murderous trio in one savage clash after another, somehow thwart their plans for Gotham City...and stop the Troika from destroying the lives of the family of Robin's girlfriend!

BATMAN #515

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35

DETECTIVE COMICS #682

ROBIN #14

Each of these landmark titles is available in both special Collector's Editions (featuring multilevel embossed, spot varnished covers), as well as the regular Standard Editions (featuring different cover art, without the enhancement) of each book.

BATMAN #515, BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35, DETECTIVE COMICS #682, and ROBIN #54...the Dark Knight's greatest adventures are just beginning!

SEXY... SEDUCTIVE... DEADLY—

MODESTY BLAISE!

An orphaned escapee from a refugee camp in the Middle East, she quickly became an expert at survival, at age 17 assuming total control of a small criminal mob and transforming it into an empire. Years later, she gave up her lucrative criminal career and retired. Now, her lust for adventure draws her back into action... this time on the side of the "good guys." She is Modesty Blaise!

MODESTY BLAISE is a 144-page softcover graphic novel written by Modesty Blaise writer and creator Peter O'Donnell (noted worldwide as one of the most important writers in comic strips). Art is provided by comics veteran Dick Giordano for this fast-paced story of action, intrigue, profits and losses against a backdrop of global politics.

STREET FIGHTER: THE BATTLE FOR SHADALOO

Street Fighter, the popular videogame, is now a blockbuster Capcom/Universal Pictures motion picture starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Raul Julia. Now DC Comics presents the official comic-book adaptation of the film in STREET FIGHTER: THE BATTLE FOR SHADALOO!

The world teeters on the brink of global war when General Bison, an evil warlord in Southeast Asia, takes hostage 63 United Nations relief workers. The international community has 72 hours to deliver a multibillion-dollar ransom... or the workers' lives are forfeit.

The hostages' only hope lies with Colonel Guile, a brilliant soldier who must use unorthodox tactics to defuse the volatile situation and free the relief workers. His method: to enlist the aid of some unusual street fighters to storm the warlord's stronghold.

STREET FIGHTER: THE BATTLE FOR SHADALOO is a 64-page one-shot special written by Mike McAvennie, with art by Nick Napolitano and Bob Downs.

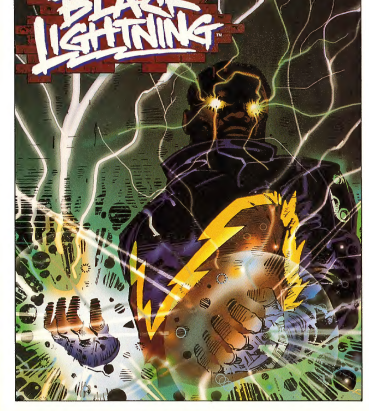
BLACK LIGHTNING... A BOLT OF JUSTICE!

A thunderstorm is descending on Brick City, a town torn by drug wars, gang violence and political corruption. It's a storm fueled by rage. And when the rage overwhelms one man, lightning begins blasting the criminal landscape to ashes—one piece at a time!

Black Lightning is back to deliver his own electrifying brand of justice!

Times have changed. The world's a very different place from the one schoolteacher Jefferson Pierce once knew, and Black Lightning isn't the same hero he once was. Older, wiser... meaner, Black Lightning reluctantly resurfaces with a ferocious new look and a dangerous edge in a city desperately needing a hero.

BLACK LIGHTNING is a hard-hitting ongoing New Format series of true-to-life stories written by Tony Isabella, with art by Eddy Newell and Ron McCain.



LOBO'S PAL, *BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM!*

Just when you thought it was safe to roam the spaceways... enter BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM, a skewed, hilarious look at the seamy underbelly of the cosmos!

Bob's a down-and-out philosopher panhandling his way across the cosmos with his partner Buck Fifty, on board a starship carrying Crown Prince Chazza of Gazza. Mayhem results when a band of savage Khund pirates boards the vessel. The chaos escalates when Vril Dox of R.E.B.E.L.S., for reasons of his own, sends Lobo and Stealth into the thick of it. For his part, Bob wanders blithely and indifferently through the carnage as he expounds to the prince his theories on survival as an art form.

BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM is a 4-issue New Format miniseries written by LOBO's and Judge Dredd's Alan Grant and John Wagner, and featuring art by Carlos Ezquerra.

LOBO/DEADMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BALD

Someone's put a price on the head of Deadman, and it's Lobo who decides to bring him in...dead or *deader!* But Bounty Hunting Ectoplasm 101 was a class Lobo skipped. So the Main Man gets hold of some special weapons designed specifically to help him capture a ghost that can body-hop, leading to the strangest team-up of all time in LOBO/DEADMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BALD!

What both Lobo and Deadman don't realize is that they've playing into a sinister master plan intended to bring Deadman to the planet Apokolips—and into the clutches of that world's despotic master. Darkseid has renewed his quest for ultimate power, and the added bonus of Lobo provides Apokolips with a little more excitement than Darkseid had in mind.

And, coinciding with the release of LOBO/DEADMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BALD is the new LOBO T-SHIRT, featuring the explosive art of regular LOBO artist Val Semeiks.

LOBO/DEADMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BALD is a 48-page New Format one-shot special (with no interior ads yet!) written by Alan Grant and features art and full process color by Martin Emond.

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SHIPPING DECEMBER 6

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES HOLIDAY SPECIAL

It's the holiday special you won't see on TV as Decembers in Gotham City is celebrated, featuring stories by a slew of creators from *The Adventures of Batman & Robin*. Emmy Award-winning writer/director Paul Dini writes all the stories, with art for the lead feature by director/producer Bruce Timm. Other stories are illustrated by storyboarders Kevin Altieri and Dan Riba, and artists Ronnie Del Carmen and Glen Murakami. Get into the holiday spirit with the perfect surprise for comics readers. 64 pages. $2.95!

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES HOLIDAY SPECIAL

THE POWER OF SHAZAM! SOFT-COVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lightning strikes again with the softcover edition of Jerry Ordway's THE POWER OF SHAZAM!, the perfect prelude to the upcoming THE POWER OF SHAZAM! ongoing series. This beautiful graphic novel recounts the origin and first adventure of the new, true, original Captain Marvel, making his triumphant return to prominence in the DC Universe. Written and painted by Jerry Ordway. 96 pages. *(Softcover graphic novel)* $9.95

SHIPPING DECEMBER 13

BATMAN #515 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Part 1 of the 4-part "The Troika": A new era begins for the Dark Knight as Bruce Wayne adopts a fearsome new look for his battle against a group of renegade Russians—former KGB operatives with plans to take control of Gotham City's underworld. The Dark Knight's first encounter with the "Troika" turns into a savage clash with the Cossack. "The Troika" continues in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #35. Written by Doug Moench, with art by the new regular team of Kelley Jones and John Beatty. **Multilevel embossed, spot-varnished cover** by Jones and Terry Austin. $2.50

BATMAN #515 STANDARD EDITION

The same incredible story and art from the Collector's Edition is also offered in the Standard Edition, but with different cover art. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Kelley Jones and John Beatty. $1.50

THE POWER OF SHAZAM! SOFT-COVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

BATMAN #515 STANDARD EDITION

BATMAN VS. PREDATOR II: BLOODMATCH #3

(32 4-Color interiors)

DC Comics' and Dark Horse Comics' tension-filled miniseries continues: The odds shift when Batman constructs a device that enables him to see the Predator despite the alien's invisibility. But that tactical advantage may prove short-lived when two more Predators arrive in Gotham City! Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Paul Gulacy and Terry Austin. 32 pages, no ads. *(Deluxe Format)* $2.50

DEATHSTROKE, THE HUNTED #44

Part 5 of the 6-part "The Hunted" saga, forever shattering the status quo of DEATHSTROKE: Following Deathstroke's gruesome demise, Wintergreen and Sweet Lil search for Slade Wilson's missing daughter. Even the help of Gay **Gardner, Wonder** may not be enough to stop the Crimelord's League of Assassins from targeting her first. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Sergio Cariello and Will Blyberg. Cover by Scott McDaniel. *(New Format)* $1.95

EXTREME JUSTICE #1

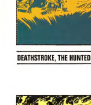
Following its explosive zero-issue debut, the action gets wilder as the Justice League gets closer to penetrating the secret of Mount Thunder, and a shifty team trained by Captain Atom is sent to remove them at any cost. Written by Dan Vado, with art by Marc Campos and Ken Branch. Cover by Campos. $1.50

FEBRUARY COVER DATE

FLASH #98

Part 4 of the 6-part "Terminal Velocity." leading to the exciting FLASH #100! Renegade linguine, Max Mercury, and Jesse Quick, Flash accelerates toward the final confrontation against the forces of Kobra. But Wally West may vanish in a flash of light before the speedsters' war can be won. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Salvador Larocca and Joel Manson, Jr. Cover by Mike Wieringo. $1.95

DEATHSTROKE, THE HUNTED #44



EXTREME JUSTICE #1

HARDWARE #24

An attack on machinery by a powerful opponent leads to a devastating discovery, compromising the sensitive synergy Curtis Metcalf, his major assistant Preston Davies, and Edwin Arno. Meanwhile, S.T.R.I.P.E.M. Chinese attempts to kill Hank Rankin, even as her relationship with Metcalf starts to mend. Written by Dan Wesley Clay, with art and cover by Humberto Ramos and Prentis Rollins. $1.75

JUDGE DREDD #7

Trapped in the cyber reality of "The Worst," Judge Dredd is driven deeper into the virtual reality realm until he meets the matter of this Punisher-gone bad. Written by Andrew Helfer, with art by J.H. Williams III and Cesar Lobo. *(Sine Format)* $1.95

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #65

A mass jailbreak occurs on a vast moebium-security prison planet. In the thick of the ensuing riot, slow stranded Legionnaires struggle to survive against thousands of the most dangerous criminals in the galaxy. Written by Mark Waid and Tom McCraw, with art by Lee Moder and Ron Boyd. Cover by Stuart Immonen and Boyd. *(Sine Format)* $1.95

FLASH #98

PRIMAL FORCE #4

Primal Force travels to Clan's home turf of Hong Kong where the team's deadly swordsman tries to settle the score with the Silver Dragon and his deadly master. Written by Steven T. Seagle, with art by Nick Cholles and Barbara Kaalberg. Cover by Matt Haley and Tom Simmons. *(Sine Format)* $1.95

PRIMAL FORCE #4

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THE SPECTRE #26

In the Yuletide season years, the Spectre offers an impossible gift to his mortal anchor, Father Crammer: the promise that for a single day, no one will be murdered in New York. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Tom Mandrake. Painted cover by Lou Hamilton. *(New Format)* $1.95

STAR TREK™ #69

Storm's deception puts delicate negotiations in jeopardy while, on the planet Ki, Spock attempts to reason with Storm's rebellious daughter, whose actions have placed her and Spock in mortal danger. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Thomas Derenick and Arne Starr. Cover by Chris Wozniak. *(New Format)* $1.95

SUPERBOY #12

It's up to Superboy to save Rex Leech from the colds of Copperhead... but this may be the least of the Kid's problems, as Superboy makes the most horrifying discovery of his young life. *He has to go to school.* Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. Cover by Grummett and Kesel. $1.50

SUPERBOY #12

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #41

Babe's bloodthirst is consuming her as she becomes more and more of a threat to an amorous Jimmy Olsen! Plus, a mysterious figure known only as 'Lock watches and waits...with unknown intentions. Written by Louise Simonson, with art by Jon Bogdanove and Klaus Janson. Cover by Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #41

WONDER WOMAN #84

When both Diana and the new Wonder Woman oppose Julia Sirin's efforts to wipe out Boston's rival mob bosses, Sazia ups the ante by hiring Poison Ivy, Cheetah and Cheshire to do her dirty work for her. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Mike Deodato, Jr. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.50

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AZRAEL #1

In the wake of "Knightsfall," Jean Paul Valley—the man who had been Batman—is still haunted by his disgrace and by nightmarish visions of the true Batman. Elsewhere, mysterious forces including the Dark Knight himself, are swirling with designs on the avenging angel. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art and cover by Barry Kitson and James Pascoe. *(New Format)* $1.95

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #26 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Part 2 of the 3-part "The Treika," continued from BATMAN #515. A new era is under way for the Dark Knight, with the return of Bruce Wayne as Batman in a new costume! Batman's war against the renegade Russians seeking to take over Gotham's underworld escalates in a bitter battle with Colonel Vega. Continued in DETECTIVE COMICS #682. Written by Alan Grant, with art by the new regular art team of Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy. Multilevel embossed, spot-varnished cover by Kitson and Terry Austin. *(New Format)* $2.95

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #26 STANDARD EDITION

The same incredible story and art from the Collector's Edition is also offered in the Standard Edition, but with different cover art. Written by Alan Grant, with art by the new regular art team of Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy. Cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.95

AZRAEL #1

FEBRUARY COVER DATE

BLACK LIGHTNING #1

When violent urban decay overwhelms his city and threatens to destroy those around him, long-absent hero Black Lightning returns to dispense his own electrifying brand of justice. Written by Tony Isabella, with art by Eddy Newell and Ron McGath. Cover by Newell. *(Mature Format)* $1.95

BLACK LIGHTNING #1

THE DEMON #55

A cataclysmic war begins to unfold when a group of renegade angels tries to take control of Hell. Etrigan is the only demon who can possibly lead the hordes of Hell to victory. But after his recent battle with Jason Blood, the Demon may not care enough even to try. Written by Garth Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.95

GREEN LANTERN #50

It's Christmas in New York and Green Lantern is more alone than ever. The Big Apple's newest hero tries to find some cheer...only to face a deadly threat from one of Hal Jordan's old enemies, Dr. Polaris! Written by Ron Marz, with art and cover by Darryl Banks and Romeo Tanghal. $1.50

THE GUARDIANS OF METROPOLIS #4

(of a 4-issue miniseries)

Boss Moxie and Darkseid's Female Furies invade Project Cadmus. Their goals: to kidnap the Newsboys, loot the secret of immortality...and kill anyone who opposes them! Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Kieron Dwyer and Mike Manley. Cover by Dwyer and Kesel. $1.50

HAWKMAN #17

Part 4 of the 4-part "Eyes of the Hawk". An old foe with powers that rival Hawkman's returns, determined to destroy the Winged Warrior!! But this villain has something to reveal to Katar not the final secret of Hawkman's rebirth. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Steve Lieber and Carl Shoultz. Cover by Lee Weeks and Mike Sellers. *(New Format)* $1.95

GREEN LANTERN #50

ICON #22

ICON #22

Icon is gone, leaving a pregnant Rachel to continue his work and to face the biggest decision of her life...alone! Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Bright. $1.75

HAWKMAN #17

FEBRUARY COVER DATE

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #96

For the funeral of an old friend—and occasional adversary—the Justice League learns that his death may not have been as natural as first believed. Plus, fire investigates disturbing reports of a mysterious clairvoyant who sees fire as her weapon. Written by Gerard Jones, with art by Randy Green and Andrew Pepoy. Cover by Chuck Wojtkiewicz and Bob Downie. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #96

LOONEY TUNES #11

Elmer Fudd's plans for a relaxing ski vacation away from Daffy Duck backfire when he has several encounters of the most "despicable" kind. Also featured in this issue: Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam and Wile E. Coyote. $1.50

MODESTY BLAISE

Modesty Blaise stars in an all-new graphic novel... a fast-paced story of action, intrigue, profits and losses against a backdrop of global politics. Years after giving up a lucrative career as master of a worldwide criminal empire, Blaise's lust for adventure draws her back into action, this time on the side of the "good guys." But Blaise will only work on her own terms—no matter who's in the way! Written by Modesty Blaise writer/creator Peter O'Donnell, with art and cover by Dick Giordano. 144 pages. *(Softcover graphic novel)* $19.95

THE NEW TITANS #118

Following the "Titans' battle with Pariah, Raven gathers the new Brotherhood of Evil for a final showdown against her former teammates. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by William Rosario and Keith Champagne. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE NEW TITANS #118

MODESTY BLAISE

STARMAN #4

The Mist is gone, but Jack Knight's attempts to forget Starman prove futile when he receives a disturbing visit from the Golden Age Ghazis, who reveals some strange and hidden facets of Opal City. Plus, Starman becomes part of a strange quest for a mis-fielded shirt...which may hold the secret of Eternity. Written by James Robinson, with art by Tony Harris and Wade von Grawbadger. Painted cover by Harris. *(New Format)* $1.95

STARMAN #4

STREET FIGHTER: THE BATTLE FOR SHADALOO

DC adapts the blockbuster midair picture based on the popular video game, Street Fighter. The world leaders on the brink of global war when General M. Bison, an evil warlord in Southeast Asia, takes 50 Allied Nations relief workers hostage. The hostages' only hope rests with Colonel Guile, a brilliant soldier who must enlist the aid of some unusual street fighters to storm the warlord's stronghold. Written by Mike McKenzie, with art by Nick Napolitano and Robert Owens. Painted cover by Sonia Fe Hidoc. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.95

SUPERMAN #97

Shadow-Dragon makes his first appearance in Metropolis where he steals classified information from S.T.A.R. Labs...secret data concerning the Man of Steel. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.50

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XOMBI #9
Part 3 of the 6-part "School of Anguish": A trailer to the Bad Man seeks the help of Kordo and Jullen Parker, leaving them to the School of Anguish, whose graduates include Deckerbiss, Digmeister Annie and Do-Jobbing Thomas. Now the Bad Man has everything it needs for rid itself of Xombi—once and for all. Written by David Rozum, with art by J.J. Birch. Cover by M.D. Bright. $1.75

STREET FIGHTER: THE BATTLE FOR SHADALOO

SUPERMAN #97

SHIPPING DECEMBER 27

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #520
At precisely midnight, 100 crimes are committed by 100 criminals—too many even for Superman to cope with! Plus: Lack continues to offer help to the enchanted Babe and Jimmy Olsen. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by the new regular team of Stuart Immonen and José Marzan, Jr. Cover by Immonen and Marzan. $1.99

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #520

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #69
Part 4 of the 4-part "Going Sane": Batman returns to action in full force and it triggers the destruction of the Joker's brief return to sanity. The great game against the Dark Knight resumes with manic ferocity as the Joker tries to make certain that this time Batman stays dead. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Steve Mitchell. (Deluxe Format) $1.95

BLOOD SYNDICATE #23
Kenji's unleashed magic causes the members of the Blood Syndicate to revert to their pre-Big Bang forms, and Boogieman lives his worst nightmare as his most intimate secret is uncovered for all to see! Meanwhile, Mumia and her one person reporting team go on their new subject, Mascarade. Written by Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Chriscross and Rober Carjano. Cover by Chriscross. $1.75

DETECTIVE COMICS #662
COLLECTOR'S EDITION
Part 3 of the 4-part "The Trolls," continued from BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #25: A new era is upon way for the Dark Knight, with the return of Bruce Wayne as Batman in a new costume, crossing swords with Romans as the Trollers hold on Gotham's underworld tightlies. "The Trolls" concludes in ROBIN #14. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Multi-level embossed, rust-varnished cover by Nolan and Terry Austin. $2.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #68

FEBRUARY COVER DATE

DETECTIVE COMICS #632

The latest incredible story and art from the Collector's Edition is also inferior in the Standard Edition, but with different cover art. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. $1.50

FATE #4

Fate discovers that Kingdom has mystically transformed Jared Stevens's ex-wife into a human portal for bridging dimensional gaps. As the conclusion battle between Fate and Kingdom is taken to Earth, Stevens must choose between leaving the world open to invasion...or killing the woman he still loves! Written by John Francis Moore, with art and cover by Anthony Williams and Andrew Lanning. *(New Format)* $1.95

GUNFIRE #5

A beloved TV reporter digging for Gunfire's true identity gets a bigger story than she bargains for. Andrew Van Horn's search for his kidnapped friend is thrust ahead as he and the monster on behalf of Ragnarok, whose quest for immortality proves to have a high cost in human lives. Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Chris Wozniak. Cover by Ed Benes and Brian Garvey. *(New Format)* $1.95

GUNFIRE #5

JUDGE DREDD: LEGENDS OF THE LAW #5

Part 3 of the 4-part "The Organ Donors": With the help of Psi-Judge cadet Anderson, Judge Dredd finds his way to the clinic of the demented Dr. Bliss, where the organleg's victims are harvested for their organs. But events take an even more horrific turn as the "leftovers" take on a life of their own. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Brent Anderson and Jimmy Palmiotti. Painted cover by Dave Dorman. *(New Format)* $1.95

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #20

Part 4 of the 4-part "Savage Legacy": The Task Force struggles to stop Vandal Savage's doomsday machine even as its most powerful member, Despero, is lost. And the only known who can possibly save him is...Gypsy? Written by Christopher Priest, with art and cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.95

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #20

LEGIONNAIRES #22

The Legion of Super-Heroes is captured and incarcerated on the prison planet as that world's head inmates seek a cache of hidden weapons that will make them invincible. Written by Tom Peyer, with art by Jeffrey Moy and W.C. Carani. Cover by Moy. $1.50

OUTSIDERS #15

It's "New Year's Evil" when both teams of Outsiders face a threat that is strongly linked to the year's end...and even if the Outsiders in New York defeat the threat, the Outsiders in Los Angeles may still fall. Written and cover drawn by he's becoming more machine than man. Written by Mike W. Barr, with art and cover by Paul Pelletier and Robert Campanella. *(New Format)* $1.95

R.E.B.E.L.S. '95 #4

The R.E.B.E.L.S.' alien ship—powered by a horrific collection of disembodied brains—goes insane and takes Dax on a terrifying death-ride. Meanwhile, Stealth and the rest of the R.E.B.E.L.S. are slammed into L.E.G.I.O.N.'s brutal new prison system. Written by Tom Peyer, with art by Derec Aucoin and James Pascoe. Cover by Dave Johnson. *(New Format)* $1.95

R.E.B.E.L.S. '95 #4

THE RAY #0

Back from his harrowing journey through space, the Ray is at last on Earth...in 1940! And when Ray Terrill unwittingly changes the outcome of the accident that transformed his father into the Golden Age Ray, the modern Ray's own existence is placed in jeopardy. Written by Christopher Priest, with art and cover by Howard Porter and Robert Jones. *(New Format)* $1.95

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SHADOW CABINET #9
Silverlight, the Shadow Cabinet's newest recruit, joins Plus, Captain Ray, and the entire Union of Genocidal Scientists against fifteen angry S.Y.S.T.E.M.atics. Written by Matt S. Wayne, with art by John Paul Leon and Shawn Martinbrough. Cover by Leon. $1.75

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #58
Part 2 of the 4-part "The Bajoran & The Beast": Rescued from her crashed shuttlecraft, Ensign Ro becomes the guest of a mysterious benefactor, a hooded being who shows Ro every kindness but will not reveal his identity! Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Deryl Skelton. Cover by Peter Krause and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.95

STEEL #12
Lost in space with an unstable suit of armor, Steel struggles to stop an alien invasion as his arc supply begins to run out. Even Maxima from the Justice League may not be able to help him. Written by Louise Simonson, with art by Chris Batista and Rich Faber. Cover by Batista and Dennis Janke. $1.50

XENOBROOD #4
(of a 7-issue miniseries)
Superman guest-stars, teaching the Xenobrood a lesson in strength before joining the team for the final battle against the Bestiary...and an entire Middle-Eastern army! Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Chris Hunter and John Lowe. $1.09

THE RAY #9

SHADOW CABINET #9

XENOBROOD #4

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ACTION COMICS #787
Superman battles Shadow-Dragon as the industrial spy continues to gather more deadly information about the Man of Steel. Written by David Michelinie, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $1.50

ACTION COMICS #787

ANIMA #11
The Marvelous Crew makes his endgame move in Hollywood as the walls between the Ankara and Earth come crashing down...smack in the middle of the Academy Awards!! TV star Conan O'Brien and other celebrities from the world of music and entertainment make cameo appearances as evil threatens to consume the earth. Written by Elizabeth Hand and Paul Witcover, with art and cover by Steve Crespo and Brian Garvey. Cover by Crespo. *(New Format)* $1.95

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BABYLON 5 #2

Jeffrey Sinclair begins his new role as Earth's first Ambassador to Mi'nbar, just as the Grey Council convenes to install the planet's new leader. Meanwhile, a Psi-Cop arrives on Babylon 5 with a strange story about a child pilot to assassinate the new Minbari leader. Written by Mark Moretti, with art by Michael Netter and Rob Leigh. Cover by Barry Blair. *(New Format)* $1.95

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #29

Bruce Wayne is reunited with Talia, the daughter of Ra's al Ghul, as the two face the mystery of being snowmen in Nepal. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.50

BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM #1

(all 4-r-release reminders)

Just when you thought it was safe to travel in the DC Universe...enter BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM. Bob's down-and-out philosopher panhandling his way across the cosmos with his partner Buck Fifty. In this first issue, Bob and Buck are accurate a starship carrying Green Prince Dazzzo of Sazzo. Mayhem results when Khund pirates board the vessel, prompting Vril Dox of L.E.G.I.O.N., for reasons of his own, to send Lobo and Starfire into the thick of it. Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art and cover by Carlos Ezquerra. *(New Format)* $1.95

BOB, THE GALACTIC BUM #1

CATWOMAN #18

Catwoman is forced into a marriage a European millionaire while her bosses, believing she has defected, send in an assault force to storm the nobleman's castle and kill the Feline Fatale. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Jim Balent and Bob Smith. Cover by Balent. $1.50

CATWOMAN #18

THE DARKSTARS #28

Darkstar Donnes Troy and her squadies are caught in the crossfire of an escalating war between the alien syndicate and the mysterious Collective. Lost in battle, in an alternate reality, Fenrie Colos makes some disquieting allies in his struggle against an evil doppelganger. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mike Collins and Ken Branch. Cover by Mike Deodato, Jr. *(New Format)* $1.95

GREEN ARROW #94

Green Arrow, Connor Hawke and Eddie Eyes fight for their lives against two groups of assassins. Plus, this issue introduces Cannonique, a deadly new character. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Jim Aparo and Gerardo Fernandez. Cover by Rob Burchett. *(New Format)* $1.95

CATWOMAN #18

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #29

Part 2 of the 3-part "Capital Punishment" continued from GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #27: Warrior goes berserk when he learns that Major Force may have been responsible for his mother's death. Even if Guy Gardner lets the villain live, Green Lantern has his own vendetta with Major Force! Concludes in GREEN LANTERN #60. Written by Beau Smith, with art by Mitch Byrd and Dan Davis. Cover by Darryl Banks and Dan Davis. $1.50

LOBO #13

Lobo finally gets his 15 minutes of fame when he takes on a pulsar and its some power chords. And if that doesn't earn him a place on the charts, he can always use his guitar to pummel some interstellar recording company execs into recognizing his genuine talent—for heavy metal! Written by Alan Grant, with art by Carl Critchlow and cover by Val Semeiks. *(New Format)* $1.95

RESURRECTION OF MAN #1

Manhunter begins to suspect that the powers gained from the Wild Hunt may have more control over him than he first realized. They've also attracted the attention of Necrodyne, a sinister corporation that puts its own metahuman operatives on his trail. Meanwhile, a strange and grisly multiple murders does some shaking of its own in Star City. Written by Steven Grant, with art and cover by Vince Giarrano. *(New Format)* #1.95

GREEN ARROW #94

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LOBO #13

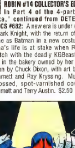
MASHUNNER #4

ROBIN #14 COLLECTOR'S EDITION. Part 4 of the 4-part "The Trouble," continued from DETECTIVE COMICS #592. A reviewer is under way for the Dark Knight, with the return of Bruce Wayne as Batman in a new costume as Arkana's life is at stake when Robin's rematch with the deadly KEBBad takes place in the bakery owned by her family. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Tim Drummond and Pat Kyzuka. Multilevel embossed, spot-varnished cover by Drummond and Terry Austin. $2.50

ROBIN #14 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

ROBIN #14 STANDARD EDITION. The same standard story and art from the Collector's Edition is also offered in the Standard Edition but with different cover art. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Tom Drummett and Pat Kyzuka. $1.50

SHOWCASE '95 #2 (52-issue limited series) In the conclusion of a 2-part story by Dennis Mcgee, with art by Stuart Immonen and Wade von Grawbadger. Supergirl is all that stands between Lord Dichon and widespread death and destruction. Unable to take control of her shape-shifting body, Dichon sets in motion a new plan that will destroy a city. Then, Argus gets a deadly new suit... which promptly goes haywire when he tries to stop the arms dealer who destroyed his original costume. Written by Mark Wheatley and Alan Grose, with art by Phillip Hester and Wayne Faucher. Plus, the Metal Men battle Shogoth in a story by Mike Curtis, penciled by Paul Pelletier and inked by John Stokes. Cover by Immonen and von Grawbadger. 48 pages. $2.50



STARMAN #29 Part 5 of the 5-part "What Are Little Boys Made Of?": Starr's intervention in a clash between gay rights activists and the Sons of Gotham leads him into personal contact with an old enmity-tested enemy: Hellbreak! Written by Ivan Velez Jr., with art by Wilfred and John Stanisci. $1.75

SHOWCASE '95 #2

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AQUAMAN #8 "The Deep Six. Darkseid's undersea terror scouts, has targeted the Inhuit home of a significant new member of Aquaman's family! Now the Sea King must battle six Tom Tom Fiskettes, each more powerful than he is. Written by Peter David, with art by Martin Egeland and Howard M. Shum. Cover by Mike Mayhew. $1.95

DAMAGE #10 Part 2 of the 5-part "Fragments," in which one possible origin of Damage is explored: Damage's search comes to an abrupt halt when he defies a court order and returns to Atlanta, determined to save his friend Marissa from the deadly shape-changer Splatter. Written by Tom Joyner, with art by Bill Marimon and Don Hillman. Plus, the iron Munro tie-in story, "The Phantom Imperative," illustrated by Jessie Armstrong and Andrew Pepoy, resolves its exciting conclusion. Cover by Marimon and Tom McWeeney. (New Format) $1.95

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DEATHWISH #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Deathwish continues to plague police detective Marisa Rahm, who isn't safe from the vigilante's influence...even in her own bed! Plus, the serial killer Boots steps up his murderous spree, and Rahm's lover may be next on his list. Written by Adam Blacksteel, with art and cover by J.H. Williams and Jimmy Palmiotti. *(Suggested for mature readers. Glossy Format.)* $2.50

DEATHWISH #3

KOBALT #9
Someone's trying to frame Kobalt and the evidence has attracted the attention of Detective Hornsby. Meanwhile, St. Croix sends a hired hand to deal with a suspected thief within his own ranks. Written by John Rozum, with art and cover by Eric Battle and Robert Quiaano. $1.75

LOBO/DEADMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BALD
Someone's put a bounty on Deadman's head, and it's Lobo who decides to bring him in...dead or deader! The Main Man gets hold of some special weapons designed to help him capture a ghost that can body-hop. But neither of them realizes that they're playing into a sinister master plan designed to draw Deadman to the planet Apokolips — and into the clutches of Darkseid. Written by Alan Grant, with art and cover by Martin Emond. 48 pages, no ads. *(New Format)* $3.00

LOBO T-SHIRT
Wear it or use it to bind your wounds — it's the LOBO T-SHIRT, featuring new 4-color art of the Main Man himself by LOBO artist Val Semeiks. This black 100% cotton T-shirt makes the perfect fashion statement for the best-dressed fugitives. $15.95/$23.95 CAN

LOBO T-SHIRT

LOBO/DEADMAN:

METROPOLIS S.C.U. #4
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Trapped within an impenetrable ecosphere, Maggie Sawyer is locked in a brutal struggle with the mad Dr. Black, who will poison the atmosphere irrevocably unless the Special Crimes Unit can stop him. Written by Cindy Goff, with art by Peter Krause and Josh Marzan, Jr. Cover by Dusty Abell and Jackson Guice. $1.50

METROPOLIS S.C.U. #4

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® — SURVIVORSHIP #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Barely escaping the forces of Klingon Security, Worf, Riker, and Kurn must now survive the dangers of the Nahtirian jungle in a deadly race to reach the rebel stronghold of Shadowhaven. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Steve Erwin and Charles Barnett. Painted cover by Jason Palmer. *(New Format)* $1.95

FEBRUARY COVER DATE

BROOKLYN DREAMS #2

BROOKLYN DREAMS #2
(of a 4-issue limited series)
The first Peter Milligan/Fiona Avery continues: Vincent Carl Santini continues to ruminate on guilt and innocence, the persistence of memory, the inevitability of death, and the proper etiquette of his police sub-basement. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art and cover by Glenn Barr. *(Suggested for mature readers. 96 pages, Black and white, Paradox Compact Format.)* $4.95

DOOM PATROL #97
Part 4 of the 4-part "Imagine Ari's Friends". In the series finale, the Doom Patrol must save the world from the Fisko Hasiens and Raich of Darkness by finding its own true healing. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Ted McKeever. Painted cover by Kyle Baker. *(Final issue. Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE INVISIBLES #6
Part 2 of the 4-part "Arcadia". The Invisibles assist their psychic bodies back to 10th-century France to meet the Mongols de Sata while the evil Orlando sets out to destroy their physical bodies. Written by Grant Morrison, with art by JK Thompson and Dennis Cramer. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

VERTIGO TAROT DECK AND BOOK SET
Parade possible futures with the VERTIGO TAROT DECK AND BOOK SET, a complete 78-card deck with art by Dave McKean. Characters featured in the deck include John Constantine as The Fool, Swamp Thing as The World, the Sandman as The Hierophant, and Death as... Death. Accompanying the deck is a 116-page hardcover guide book with full instructions written by Rachel Pollack, an internationally acclaimed Tarot expert. Neil Gaiman provides the introduction.

BROOKLYN DREAMS #2

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THE SANDMAN #67
"The Kindly Ones," the last major story arc of THE SANDMAN, continues as Lyta Hall uncovers startling evidence surrounding Daniel's disappearance. Finn, Rose receives bad news as a time of mourning—or possibly rejoicing—begins in the Dreaming. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Marc Hempel. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING JANUARY 10

THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #10
Part 2 of the 3-part "The Artificial Heart: Convinced that Tim Hunter is in love with Maryx, a jealous Daniel decides to help Cauchemar mess a hell of Tim's life. And an unsuspecting Autumn wanders into Cauchemar's plans. Written by John Ney Rieber, with art by Gary Amaro and Peter Gross. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #10

TALES FROM *THE WORLDS' END*

"When a world ends, there's always something left over. A story perhaps, or a vision, or a hope. This inn is a refuge, after the lights go out. For a while."

Return again to the Inn and listen to tales from other times, other places, other dreams. VERTIGO presents a new hardcover, THE SANDMAN: WORLDS' END, a collection of issues #51-56 of the award-winning series.

A misty storm strands a group of wayfarers at the Inn where they drink strong ale, eat good food, and, by the flickering ambie glow of the fire, listen to stories. As the narratives unfold, a strange design becomes evident, an unexpected portent of the future for Morpheus, the Dream King.

Here are some of Neil Gaiman's finest tales (and tales within tales), including "The Golden Boy," the story of Prez Rickard, the first teenage President; "Hob's Leviathan," another chapter in the very long life of Hob Gadling; and "Ceremonies," a dissertation on methods of bodily disposal and the life of students at the Necropolis Lithega.

Art is provided by some of the finest illustrators in the medium, including Michael Allred, Gary Amaro, Dick Giordano, Tony Harris, Steve Leialoha, Vincent Locke, Shea Anton Pensa, Alec Stevens, John Watkiss, and Michael Zulli. The framing sequence for each tale is by Bryan Talbot and Mark Buckingham. Dave McKean, cover artist of THE SANDMAN, provides the cover. The introduction to this 168-page collection is by best-selling author Stephen King.

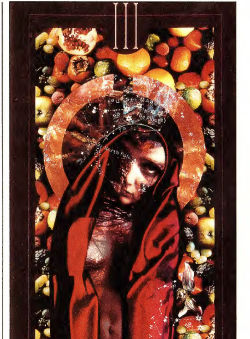
VERTIGO TAROT CARD AND BOOK SET

Ponder possible paths into tomorrow or meditate on the branching ways of the past with the VERTIGO TAROT CARD AND BOOK SET. Historically a card game and fortune-telling device, this is a complete 78-card deck reflecting the VERTIGO sensibility with original art by Dave McKean, award-winning cover artist of THE SANDMAN and artist of the graphic novel MR. PUNCH.

Several of the VERTIGO characters appear in the deck, including HELLBLAZER's John Constantine as The Fool, Swamp Thing as The World, Morpheus as The Heliophant, and Death as... well, *Death*.

Accompanying the deck is a 116-page hardcover guide to the tarot with full instructions written by Rachel Pollack (DOOM PATROL), an internationally acclaimed tarot expert. THE SANDMAN's Neil Gaiman provides the introduction.

The VERTIGO TAROT CARD AND BOOK SET is packaged in a full-color gift box designed by Dave McKean. The VERTIGO TAROT will be printed to order and offered only once, so be sure not to miss out. It's perfect for both VERTIGO readers and tarot enthusiasts.



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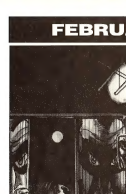

MODFIRE #3

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BLACK ORCHID #18
Part 2 of the 6-part "A Twisted Season": Black Orchid's strange seedlings flourish even as her own dark metamorphosis continues. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Jamie Tolagson and Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

MODFIRE #3
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
The Rocor remains one step ahead of Jack Kellor as mail crime families begin to sense weaknesses in the new boss. But the sudden disappearance of his sister may be the final straw for Jack, and quite unexpectedly, for the Rocor as well. Written by Gary Ushaw, with art by Warren Pleece. Painted cover by Pleece. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

THE SANDMAN: WORLDS' END
Caught in the vortex of a "reality storm," travelers from throughout time, myth and dream meet at the mysterious Inn at Worlds' End. There they wait out the tempest by telling tales eerily reminiscent of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, with portents of the future of the Dream King. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Michael Allred, Gary Amaro, Dick Giordano, Tony Harris, Steve Leialoha, Vince Locke, Shea Anton Pensa, Alex Sheves, John Watkiss, and Michael Zulli. Framing sequences for each chapter are by Bryan Talbot and Mark Buckingham. With an introduction by Stephen King and cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. 168 pages. Hardcover book.)* $29.95

SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #23
Part 3 of the 4-part "Dr. Death": More of Manhattan's geriatric citizenry is slain while Dian, sleuthing and seducing, turns up the heat for the Golden Age Sandman. Co-written by Matt Wagner and Steven T. Seagle, with art by Guy Davis and Vince Locke. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson and Richard Bruning. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #56
Shade's son grows at a ferocious rate and young Lilly falls victim to teenage hormones. Meanwhile, eager to exploit the Changing Man, reporter Andrea Mentioch continues her ruthless investigation of Shade. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Mark Buckingham, Michael Lark and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Duncan Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

TAINTED
VERTIGO VOICES continues with TAINTED, the last of three distinctive ghosts, each with a sound all its own, leaving a jagged rip through reality. George Palmer appears to be a mild-mannered, unassuming man, but beneath his placid exterior seethe violent emotions and disturbing childhood memories. When new tenants move into George's building, he begins to feel old, familiar urges and becomes aware of a nagging scent—a strange, pervasive smell that's making everything in George's world seem...tainted. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Al Davison. Painted cover by Davison. *(Suggested for mature readers. 64 pages. New Format.)* $4.95

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HELLBLAZER #88
Part 2 of the 4-part "Warped Nation": Searching for the force that's threatening the corporeal plane, Constantine travels to Philadelphia's accompanied by the ghost of Sir Francis Dashwood and the cadaverous Mariner, where he encounters the Church of Virtual Reality and learns a disturbing secret. Written by Eddie Campbell, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

MOONSHADOW #6
(of a 12-issue maxiseries)
Commentator Dawn suffers a hideous fate while Moonshadow and Ira are hailed as heroes. Presented for dinner at the Royal Palace, this pair meets an all-too-familiar capricious king. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with painted art by Kent Williams. Painted cover by Williams. *(Suggested for mature readers. No interior art. Unique Format.)* $2.25

SHADOWS FALL #4
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
When the shadow strikes a bit too close to home, Gale is shaken out of his complacency and vows to fight back, only to be seriously injured. Shen must decide to abandon Gale or risk letting the shadow slip through his fingers. Written by John Wagner, with painted art by John Van Fleet. Painted cover by Van Fleet. *(Suggested for mature readers. No interior art. Deluxe Format.)* $2.95

SHADOWS FALL #4

SHIPPING DECEMBER 27

ANIMAL MAN #80
His body destroyed, Animal Man's consciousness is drawn into "the Void," the place of existence where all animal life intersects. A mysterious being in the form of Buddy's mother offers him a choice of two futures. Written by Jamy Prosser, with art by Fred Harper and Jason Minor. Painted cover by Rick Berry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

ANIMAL MAN #80

LA PACIFICA #2
(of a 3-issue limited series)
The first Pacosian Mystery continues: Don Cooper's pursuit of the mystery woman who inspires mass murder in every man she meets becomes a desperate cross-country chase. Increasingly obsessed, Cooper narrowly avoids a fatal encounter with one of her old flames, then tracks down her last known address: New York City. Written by Joel Rose and Amos Poe, with art by Tayyar Ozkan. Cover by Ozkan. *(Suggested for mature readers. 36 pages. Black and white. Paradox Compact Format.)* $4.95

LA PACIFICA #2

SWAMP THING #151
Prologue of "River-Run," the next major story arc of SWAMP THING: Returning to Louisiana, Swamp Thing meets Anna, a mysterious writer with a book of short stories—tales into which the Earth Elemental is irresistibly drawn... one by one. Written by Mark Millar, with art by Phillip Hester and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SWAMP THING #151

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HELLBLAZER #86

THE SCENT OF MADNESS — *TAINTED*

VERTIGO VOICES continues with TAINTED, the third distinctive one-shot—where some of VERTIGO's most creatively deranged writers give voice to their most outrageous, gripping and graphic imaginings. Each "VOICE" delivers its own sound, in turn hyperreal, darkly disturbing, irreverent and biting.

In TAINTED, Jamie Delano (HELLBLAZER, ANIMAL MAN) and artist Al Davison (*The Spiral Cage*) bring to life a harrowing psychodrama of dark secrets, repressed demons and unbearable truths.

George Palmer is a mild-mannered, unassuming man who lives in a spotless house and has an okay job doing charity work. But lately he's felt something's wrong... with his life, with his apartment, with himself.

When new tenants move into George's building, he starts to feel old, familiar urges—needs he's long suppressed. Beneath George's serene exterior seethe violent emotions and disturbing childhood memories—dark images he's kept hidden even from his own waking mind.

And worst of all, George smells something... a sweet, cloying aroma of putrescence. And no matter how much he cleans, it won't go away. Something has invaded —or returned—to George's life, leaving everything in his world... *tainted.*

TAINTED is a 64-page one-shot with a painted cover by Al Davison.